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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of January 16, 2016

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#17-29 People v. Adegbulugbe, S238628. (B267482; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; VA136685.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order denying a petition to recall sentence. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Romanowski, S231405 (#16-24), which present the following issue: Does Proposition 47 ("the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act"), which reclassifies as a misdemeanor any grand theft involving property valued at \$950 or less (Pen. Code, § 490.2), apply to theft of access card information in violation of Penal Code section 484e, subdivision (d)?

#17-30 People v. Laster, S238630. (B265970; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA431487.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Gallardo, S231260 (#16-38), which presents the following issue: Was the trial court's decision that defendant's prior conviction constituted a strike incompatible with Descamps v. U.S. (2013) 570 U.S. (133 S.Ct. 2276) because the trial court relied on judicial fact-finding beyond the elements of the actual prior conviction?

#17-31 People v. Tillotson, S238547. (C80749; nonpublished opinion; Placer County Superior Court; 62074170.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order denying a petition to recall sentence. The court ordered briefing deferred pending decision in People v. Martinez, S231826 (#16-88), which presents the following issue: Could defendant use a petition for recall of sentence under Penal Code section 1170.18 to request the trial court to reduce his prior felony conviction for transportation of a controlled substance to a misdemeanor in light of the amendment to Health and Safety Code section 11379 effected by Proposition 47?

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